

THE
PETITION

OF THE *England - Parliament*
LORDS AND

Commons assembled in Parliament unto his Maiestie (with the Reasons moving them to advise his Majesty) to decline his intended journey into IRELAND.

Sent to York by the Earle of Stamford,
Sir Iohn Culpepper Knight, Chancellour of
the Exchequer, and Anthony Hungerford
Esquire.

Who presented the same to his Maiestie at
YORKE, on Monday last, being the 18
day of April, 1643.

And Ordered to be Printed and published
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May it please your Maiestie.



Our Majesties most loyall, and faithfull Subiects, and Commons in Parliament have duely considered the Message received from your Maiestie, concerning your purpose of going into Ireland in your owne person to prosecute the warre there with the bodies of your English Subiects levied, transported, and maintained at their charge, which you were pleased to propound to us, not as a matter wherein you Maiestie desires the advice of your Parliament, but as already firmly resolved on, and forthwith to bee put in execution, by granting our Commissioners for the levying of two thousand foote, and two hundred horse for a Guard for your person when you shall come into that kingdome, wherein wee cannot chuse but withall reverence and humility to your Maiestie, observe that you have declined your great Councell the Parliament, and varied from the usuall course of your Royall Predecessors, that a businesse of so great importance concerning the peace and safety of all your Subiects, and wherein they have a speciall interest by your Maiesties promise, and by those great sums which they have disbursed, and for which

they stand ingaged should bee concluded and undertaken without their advice, wherupon we hold it our duty to declare, that if at this time your Maiestie shall goe into Ireland, you will very much indanger the safety of your Royall Person and Kingdome, and of all other States Professing the Protestant Religion in Christendome, and make way to that cruell, and bloody Designes of the Papists every where to root out and destroy the Reformed Religion as the Irish Papists have in a great part already effected in that Kingdome and in all likelyhood would quickly bee attempted in other places, if the consideration of the strength and union of the two nations of England and Scotland, did not much hinder, and discourage the execution of any such designe, and that wee may manifest to your Maiestie; the danger and miserie, which such a iourney and enterprize would procure we present to your Maiestie the Reasons of this our humble opinion, and advice.

1 **Y**our Royall person will bee subiect not onely to the casualty of warre, but to secret practises, and conspiracies especiall your Maiestie concerning your profession to maintaine the Protestant Religion in that Kingdome which the Papists are generally bound by their vow to extirpate.

2 It will exceedingly encourage the Rebels who doe generally professe, and declare that your Maiestie doth favour and allow their proceedings, and this insurrection was undertaken by the warrant of your Commission, and it will make good their expectation of great advantage by your Maiesties presence at



at this time of so much distractions in this Kingdome, whereby they may hope we shall be disabled to supply the warre there, especially there appearing lesse necessitie of your Maiesties Iourney at this time, by reason of the manifold successes which God hath given against them.

3. It will much hinder and inpaire the meanes, whereby this Warre is to be supported, And will encrease the Charge of it; And in both these respects, make it more insupportable to your subjects; and this we can confidently affirme, because many of the Adventurers who have already subscribed, doe upon the knowledg of your Maiesties Intentions, declare their resolutions, not to pay in their money, And others very willing to have subscribed doe now professe the contrary.

4. Your Maiesties absence must necessarily very much interrupt the proceedings of Parliament, and deprive your Subjects of the benefit of those further Acts of Grace, and Iustice, which we shall humbly expect from your Maiesty for the establishing of perfect vnion, and mutuall confidence betwixt your Maiesty and your People, and procuring and confirming the prosperity and happinesse of both.

5 It will exceedingly encrease the iealousies and feares of your people, and tender the doubts of your Subjects more probable of some force intended by some evill counsellors neere your Maiesty, in opposition to the Parliament, and favour of the malignant party of the Kingdome.

6 It will bereave your Parliament of that advantage, whereby they were induced to undertake this

war vpon your Majesties promise, that it should be managed by their advice, which cannot be done, if your Majesty contrary to their Counsell shall undertake to order and governe it in your owne Person.

Upon which and divers other reasons we have resolved by the full and concurring agreement of both Houses, that we cannot with the dutie which belongs to us, consent to any Levyes, or raising of Souldiours to be made by your Majesty, for this your intended expedition into *Ireland*, or to the payment of any Army or Souldiours there, but such as shall be employed and governed according to our advice and direction, and that if such Levyes shall be made by any Commission of your Majesty, not agreed to by both Houses of Parliament, we shall be forced to interpret the same to be rayed to the terrour of your people, and disturbance of the publicke peace, and hold our selves bound by the Lawes of the Kingdome, to apply the Authority of Parliament to suppress the same.

And we doe further most humbly declare, that if your Majesty shall by ill counsell, be perswaded to goe contrary to this advice of your Parliament: (which we hope your Majesty will not, We doe not in that case hold our selves bound to submit to any Commissioners, which your Majesty shall choose, but doe resolve to preserve and governe the Kingdome by the counsell and advice of Parliament, for your Majesty and your Posterity, according to Allegiance, and the Law of the Land.

Wherefore we most humbly pray, and advice your Majesty, to desist from this your intended passage
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into Ireland, and from all preparation of men and Arms tending thereunto, and to leave the managing of that warre to your Parliament, according to your Majesties promise made unto us and your Royall Commission, granted under your great seale of England, by advise of both Houses, in prosecution whereof, by Gods blessing we have made a prosperous entrance by many defeats of the Rebels, whereby they are much weakned and disheartened, and have no probable means of subsistence, if our proceedings shall not be interrupted by this interposition of your Majesties journey, but that we may hope upon good grounds, that within a short time, without hazard of your Majesties Person, and so much dangerous confusion to your kingdoms, which must needs ensue if you should proceed in this resolution. We shall be enabled fully to vindicate your Majesties right and Authority in that Kingdom, and punish those horrible and outrageous cruelties which have been committed in the murthering, and spoiling so many of your subjects, and being that Realm to such a condition, as may be much for the advantage of your Majesty, and this Crowne, the honor of your government and contentment of your people, for the better and more speedy effecting whereof, We do againe renew our humble desires of your return to your Parliament. And that you will please to reject all Counsels, and apprehensions which may any way derogate from that faithfulnessse, and Allegiance which in truth and sincerity we have alwaies borne, and professed to your Majesty, and shall ever make good to the uttermost, with our lives and fortunes.

Die veners 22 of April 1643.

It is this day Ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, that this Petition shall be forth-with published in Print.

H. Elsing Cler. Parl. D. Com.

